UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Complainant,)	8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding
v.))	OCAHO Case No. 98A00025
B N A FASHION CORP., Respondent.)))	Judge Robert L. Barton, Jr.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE REPORT

(February 18, 1998)

As previously arranged with the parties, a telephone prehearing conference in this case was conducted this morning. INS Assistant District Counsel Mimi Tsankov appeared for Complainant, and Raymond Aab, Esq., appeared for Respondent. A court reporter was present in my office to record the conference, and a transcript of the same will be prepared.

Counsel for both parties reported that they have reached a tentative settlement agreement in this case. Mr. Aab stated that he has communicated the terms of that agreement to his client, but that he has not yet heard from his client whether it plans to accept the proposed agreement.

In light of the potential for settlement, I set a deadline of March 18, 1998, by which Complainant must file¹ a signed settlement agreement and other necessary papers, or file a written status report. As I stated during the conference, the case is stayed until that date.

Any rulings made at the prehearing conference that are not reflected in this Report remain effective, even though they are not mentioned in this Report. The transcript will serve as a record of those rulings. If either party objects to any part of this Report on the ground that it does not accurately reflect the ruling at the conference, such objection shall be filed and served on or before

March 4, 1998. Such objections should not be merely requests for reconsideration. Rather, they

¹ "File" means that the document must be received in my office by the given date, not that it merely must be postmarked by then. <u>See</u> 28 C.F.R. § 68.8(b) (1997).

should be filed only if this Report does not accurately reflect the ruling.

ROBERT L. BARTON, JR. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of February, 1998, I have served the foregoing Prehearing Conference Report on the following persons at the addresses shown, by first class mail, unless otherwise noted:

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